

48 Sir Head of Elk May 7th 1780

I do myself the honor of addressing
your Excellency, by the hand of Capt.
Dorsey on a subject that both him,
& myself are much interested in -
as we are on our March to the
Southern Army, in an unformed state,
from which it will be impossible
to reclaim our respective parties,
until Congress have an official
report of what the Legislature
of Maryland have done, with
respect to the Artillery then
in the Continental Service; in
consequence of a proposition made
them by His Excellency Genl.
Washington - The matter of this
proposition was, that the three
Companies, hitherto in the service
should

Should be formed into four, and
annexed to the first Regiment. We
have understood the proportion
sett with your Excellencies appro-
bation, & that the Assembly would
certainly adopt it. The Corps
of Artillery has lately been arranged
& in all parts completely regula-
ted, except as to the relationship
~~of the~~ between those Companies &
the first Regiment, which for
want of the official return to
Congress of the State of Maryland,
could not be done. Now the
first Regiment is marching to
the southward under my command,
& those Companies (except Brown's)
are marching with it under the
idea of being a part thereof,
But yet wanting such a sufficient
connection.

connection, as is requisite for the
Leppinip of the parties, & good
of the Service - When I marched
from Head Quarter, it was ex-
pected that, by the time I should
get to Philadelphia, Congress
would have received the report,
so as to have completed our
arrangement before we proceed-
ed to the fortress and that this
was not the case, & we are
obliged to proceed without such
being so happily circumstanced.

I Capt. Davis A. fully on
the occasion, has induced him
to write to your Excellency
to see if he cannot expedite the
forwarding the report to Congress
so as that we may have
our present inconveniences
removed as early as possible
- & I have taken the liberty to

to trouble your Excellency with
a few lines on the subject, which
although, I can not pretend to do
officially, yet I rely on your
Excellencies goodness to excuse,
as they are only meant to shew
the inconveniences the Regiment &
Rear Companies by us have
want of an Arrangement,
which cannot take place until
the report goes to Congress.

I remain the Obedient Servt
of Excellencies M^roff.

E. Harrington
L^t. Col. Comt. 1. Regt.

His Excellency Governor Lee

To May 1700.
E. Harrington
Comt. 1. Regt. Artillery